

Policy Title: Arena Ice/Floor Allocation

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Policy Statement

The City of Mississauga is committed to meeting the community’s recreational needs in a fiscally responsible manner through a comprehensive arena ice/floor allocation policy.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure a fair, transparent and equitable allocation process for City arenas, while ensuring the effective and optimal use of City facilities, at the lowest possible cost to the taxpayer.

This policy outlines the standard ice allocations for each type of user group and the priorities which will be applied in the event of a conflict in ice time requests.

Scope

This policy applies to all City arenas, excluding:

- Vic Johnson Arena (Streetsville)
- Paramount Fine Foods Centre Main Bowl, and
- All outdoor City rinks

Reference to “ice” during the spring/summer season includes the rental of arena floor space where the ice has been temporarily removed.

Definitions

For the purposes of this policy:

“Affiliated Sport Provider” means a Mississauga-based group sanctioned by the sport’s governing body which provides organized league-based sport activities and/or services primarily to youth (21 and under) and that have successfully been granted status as an Affiliated Provider in accordance with Corporate Policy and Procedure – 08-01-01 – Community Group Registry

Program. School groups qualify for the youth affiliate rate when activities are included in the course curriculum or where school representation is required.

“Base Allocation” means the annual number of hours per week calculated for an organization through the allocation formula.

“Championship” means a single sport event, with rights to the event held by the respective City, regional, provincial, national or international sport organization.

“City” means the Corporation of the City of Mississauga.

“Community Sport Provider” means a Mississauga-based sport group that delivers league-based programs and/or services that directly benefit Mississauga Residents and have successfully been granted status as a Community Sport Provider in accordance with Corporate Policy and Procedure – 08-01-01 – Community Group Registry Program.

“Educational Institutions” means schools within the Peel District School Board and Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board.

“January Exam Period” means the weekday exam period for Educational Institutions in January of each calendar year.

“Junior Hockey” means any Junior A, Junior B or Junior C hockey team recognized by a sport governing body.

“Member” means each member of the Registered Group as determined by its governing documents, including by-laws, letters patent, articles of incorporation, constitution and/or operating guidelines.

“Mississauga Based Rep Organizations (GTHL)” means any “Rep” competitive Minor Hockey organization that resides in the City of Mississauga and provides a service to Mississauga Residents that is not offered through City programming or by Affiliated Sport Providers.

“Mississauga Resident” means anyone who lives permanently in Mississauga (temporary absences for reasons such as vacation do not affect resident status, as long as the resident’s principal address remains in Mississauga); a student who is registered in an Educational Institution in Mississauga and who lives and attends school in Mississauga for a period of at least eight months during the calendar year; or a non-resident who is the principal owner of a business in Mississauga and thereby pays Mississauga business taxes.

“Non-Resident & Commercial” means organizations or individuals that book facilities with the intent of generating positive net income (profit); businesses providing recreational opportunities for their employees; or youth and adult user groups that are comprised of non-Mississauga Residents.

“Registered Group” means a not-for profit community group that has been approved for inclusion in the City’s Community Group Registry Program.

“Registered Participant” means an individual who is a participant or registrant in the programs and services of a Registered Group, free or paid, and not necessarily a Member of the Registered Group.

“Seasonal Ice Entitlement” means the total number of hours per week that an organization is entitled to, calculated by taking the organizations Base Allocation, combined with their participant registration trend over the past 3 years (+/- avg. %), in order to identify their total Seasonal Ice Entitlement.

“Special Event” means any prearranged, organized activity that will be planned by or facilitated with the support and expertise of City staff.

“Sports Unit” means the unit that is responsible for arena ice allocation within the Sports & Customer Service Centre Unit, Recreation and Culture Division, Community Services Department.

“Tournament” means an annual, single sport, non-Championship event arranged by local sports organizations.

Residency

Mississauga Residents must be guaranteed a fair opportunity to register, try-out and participate in Mississauga-based recreational and competitive programs. Membership for recreational (house league) players cannot be closed to Mississauga Residents prior to the start of the organization’s season or, for competitive players, before the end of try-outs if non-residents make up any portion of the membership. The level of play will be determined by the applicable organization and not by the City.

To ensure the sustainability of Mississauga based ice organizations, Affiliated Sport Providers that are allocated ice in accordance with this policy must maintain a minimum of 90% of the group’s Members and Registered Participants as Mississauga Residents or meet the Registered Participant residency requirements approved annually by the Director, Recreation, Community Services Department.

Non-Resident Surcharge

Affiliated Sport and Community Sport Providers having non-resident participants will be charged an annual non-resident surcharge in accordance with the Recreation Fees and Charges By-Law, as amended.

Allocation Priorities

The City will allocate seasonal contracts in the following order:

- City Recreation Leagues/Programs & Tourism Mississauga

- Affiliated Sport Providers
- Educational Institutions (applicable Monday through Friday 6:00am - 4:00pm within school term)
- Community Sport Provider and Mississauga Based Rep Organizations (GTHL)
- Junior Hockey
- Mississauga Resident and non-sport related Community Group Registry Program organizations
- Non-Resident & Commercial

Allocation priority is determined as of the application deadline.

All outstanding debts to the City must be paid in full at the time of allocation unless an agreement is reached with the City regarding the retirement of any debt.

These priorities will apply to all user groups Base Allocation only; once Base Allocation has been completed for all user groups any further requests must be submitted in writing to the Manager, Sport & Community Development for approval. Additional requested hours will be managed and assigned in a fair and equitable manner for all interested user groups, regardless of allocation priority position.

The City reserves the right to reduce, reassign or reallocate ice times as required on an annual basis in order to optimize facility utilization and improve arena operational efficiencies. When the demand for ice exceeds availability, ice required will be obtained from groups in reverse order on the priority allocation above. Consideration will be provided for smaller organizations not able to sustain a reduction without seriously impacting their activities.

Seasonal Information

Seasons

- Fall/Winter – September 1 – April 30
- Spring/Summer – May 1 – August 31

Prime Time Ice Classification

Fall/Winter

- Monday to Friday – 5:00pm –11:00pm
- Saturdays – 7:00am –7:00pm
- Sundays – 7:00am –11:00pm

Spring/Summer

- Monday to Friday – 6:00pm to 11:00pm

Seasonal Contract Length

Fall/Winter prime time seasonal contracts must run for a minimum of 26 consecutive weeks, including any weeks with exclusion dates, dependent on availability of ice. Affiliated Youth,

Community Sport Provider & Mississauga Based Rep Organizations may require a minimum of 22 weeks with approval from Manager, Sport & Community Development.

Spring/Summer prime time seasonal contracts must run for a minimum of 12 consecutive weeks, including any weeks with exclusion dates, dependent on availability of ice.

Allocation Request Submission Dates Submission processes and deadlines will be communicated to groups annually by the Sports Unit. Requests that are not received within the stated deadlines and/or without the required documentation will only be considered after all other requests have been processed. Submission of an application request does not constitute approval.

Affiliated Sport Providers Exception

For the Fall/Winter season only, Affiliated Sport Providers will have the opportunity to return a maximum of 10% of the total hours of their seasonal contract(s) (excluding Tournaments, Championships and Special Events) by September 15.

Example: If an Affiliated Sport Provider's total contracted hours for seasonal contracts is 100 hours, the organization can exclude up to 10 hours from their contract. These hours can be excluded from any day within the contract and in any half or full hour combination.

Exclusion Dates

All seasonal contracts will exclude the following dates:

- Labour Day Monday
- Thanksgiving Monday
- Christmas Eve
- Christmas Day
- Boxing Day
- New Year's Eve
- New Year's Day
- Family Day Monday
- Good Friday
- Victoria Day Monday
- Canada Day
- Civic Holiday (August) Monday, and
- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

In addition to the above dates, seasonal contracts may exclude the following upon request

- Halloween (4:00pm -11:00pm)
- Christmas Period (December 27 to December 30)
- March Break (Saturday through following Sunday)

- January Exam Period (maximum of 50 hours) or up to a maximum of 5% of the total hours of Fall/Winter seasonal contract(s) (excluding Tournaments, Championships and Special Events)
 - Example: If an Affiliated Sport Providers total contracted hours for seasonal contracts is 100 hours, the organization can exclude up to 5 hours from their contract. These hours can be excluded from any day within the contract and in any half or full hour combination.

All exclusion dates need to be identified prior to the finalization or firming up of the contract, in accordance with the Seasonal Contract Timelines.

Facility Management

Ice Hour

The City will only book ice time in the following manner:

- 1 Hour Block(s) – i.e. 50 minutes of ice time use, plus 10 minutes of time for ice maintenance purposes by Facility Operations staff
- 1.5 Hour Block(s) – i.e. 80 minutes of ice time use, plus 10 minutes of time for ice maintenance purposes by Facility Operations staff

Seasonal Ice Entitlement

Affiliated Sport Providers, Community Sport Providers & Mississauga Based Rep Organizations (GTHL)

The following process will be used to calculate the Seasonal Ice Entitlement for the above noted groups:

- Annual generation of Base Allocation through allocation formula, combined with
- 3-Year registration trend percentage (+/-)

Allocation Formula

The City will calculate the Base Allocation for all ice users identified in the chart below:

Recreational Hockey – House League

Category	Hours Per Week Per Team (15 players/team)
MHL & MGHL (4 – 11 year olds)	1.00 hour per team (shared practice & game)
MHL & MGHL (12– 20 year olds)	1.50 hours per team (full practice & game)

Competitive Hockey – Rep

Category	Hours Per Week Per Team (15 players/team)
MGHL (8 – 16 year olds) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 Novice (DS) 	2.00 hour per team (1 hour practice & 1 hour game)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9/10 Atom (DS) • 11/12 PeeWee (A, BB, B, DS) • 13/14 Bantam (BB, B, DS) • 15/16 Midget (B) 	
MGHL (11 – 18 year olds) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11/12 PeeWee (AA) • 13/14 Bantam (AA, A) • 15/16 Midget (AA, A, BB) • 17/18 Intermediate (A) 	2.50 hours per team (1 hour practice & 1.5 hour game)
MGHL (17 – 18 year olds) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17/18 Intermediate (AA) 	3.00 hours per team (1 hour practice & 2 hour game)
MHL (A, 7 – 21 year olds) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 Minor Novice • 8 Novice Gold • 9 Minor Atom • 10 Atom • 11 Minor PeeWee • 12 Peewee • 13 Minor Bantam • 14 Bantam • 15 Minor Midget • 16/17 Midget • U-21 	2.25 hours per team (1 hour practice & 1.25 hour game)
GTHL (AA & AAA, 9 – 13 year olds) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor Atom (9) • Atom (10) • Minor PeeWee (11) • PeeWee (12) • Minor Bantam (13) 	2.25 hours per team (1 hour practice & 1.25 hour game)
GTHL (AA & AAA, 14 – 20 year olds) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bantam (14) • Minor Midget (15) • Midget (16 & 17) 	2.50 hours per team (1 hour practice & 1.25 hour game)

Recreational Hockey – House League

Category	Hours Per Week Per Team (15 players/team)
MRA (4 – 11 years olds)	1 hour per team (shared practice & game)
MRA (12 – 20 year olds)	1.50 hours per team (full practice & game)

Competitive Hockey – Rep

Category	Hours Per Week Per Team (15 players/team)
MRA (6 – 15 year olds) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6/7 Bunnies • 8/9 Novice • 10, 11 Petite • 12, 13 Tween • 14, 15 Junior 	2.00 hours per team (1 hour practice & 1 hour game)
MRA (16 – 21 year olds) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16/17 Belle • 19+ Open 	2.50 hours per team (1 hour practice & 1.5 hour game)

Figure Skating

Category	Hours Per Week
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preschool/Canskate 	1 hour per week per 50 skaters
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jr. A and Jr. B Pre-star • Intermediate A & B • Intermediate Development • Star 1 and 2 	1 hour per week per 10 skaters
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior • Star 3 	1 hour per week per 4 skaters
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior • Senior Advanced Competitive Team 	1 hour per week per 3 skaters
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Precision - Synchronized 	2 hours per week per team
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult 	1 hour per week per 20 skaters

It may be necessary to adjust the allocation formula from time to time due to changing requirements within a sport(s) (e.g. Long Term Athlete Development standards.) The City will consult with user groups in advance. The Director, Recreation or his/her designate is authorized to approve agreed upon amendments.

Registration Trend

Each organization's Base Allocation will be combined with their participant registration trend over the past 3 years (+/- avg. %) in order to identify their Seasonal Ice Entitlement. Seasonal Ice Entitlement will be adjusted to a minimum or maximum of 5% annually. Any change in ice

Seasonal Ice Entitlement will be reviewed by the Sports Unit and the affected user group to identify agreeable hour(s) to be added or subtracted. This ensures optimized facility utilization and arena operation efficiency.

Examples:

- If an organization's registration numbers have declined by a 2% average over the past 3 years, the organization's Seasonal Ice Entitlement will have 2% fewer hours than the Base Allocation
- If an organization's registration numbers have increased by an 8% average over the past 3 years, the organization's Seasonal Ice Entitlement will have 5% greater hours than the Base Allocation

Educational Institutions, Junior Hockey, Residents, Non-Resident & Commercial

For all other priority users, ice entitlement will be allocated in accordance with the application deadlines communicated by the Sports Unit, based on the request of the user groups and availability of rental inventory. The City reserves the right to reduce, reassign or reallocate ice times as required on an annual basis in order to optimize facility utilization and improve arena operational efficiencies.

Rates and Fees

Rental rates for all users will be subject to the rates approved in the Recreation Fees and Charges By-Law, as amended.

All hours (Seasonal Ice Entitlement hours or additional hours) secured by Affiliated Sport Providers, Community Sport Providers or Mississauga Based Rep Organizations (GTHL) will be charged at the group's corresponding rate (e.g. Affiliated Sport Provider = Affiliate Rate).

Tournaments, Championships and Special Events

Tournament, Championship and Special Event requests will be allocated first, prior to creating seasonal contracts. The City recognizes the significant positive impacts that Tournaments, Championships and Special Events can provide to the community. The City reserves the right to add exclusion dates to any seasonal contracts in order to accommodate these types of events and minimize disruptions to regular programs and league play. Reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate the displaced booking time of seasonal contract holders, in accordance with the allocation priorities outlined in this policy.

Existing and new organizations (sports, recreation, non-sports or other) requesting Tournament, Championship and/or Special Event time must submit a request in writing to Recreation Customer Service centre no later than:

- December 1 for the following calendar Fall/Winter season, or
- June 1 for the following calendar year Spring/Summer season

Tournament, Championship and Special Event ice time requests will be evaluated based on historical success; impact on the community and departmental operations; existing schedules and resources; and facility availability. Events supported by Tourism Mississauga may request event dates up to 3 years prior to event date with approval by Manager, Sport & Community Development.

Tournaments shall be required to firm their tournament contracts as part of the seasonal allocation process. Tournaments will have the opportunity to return a maximum of 10% of the total hours of their tournament contract up to 45 days prior to their first tournament date at no charge. After this date applicable cancellation penalties shall apply.

Pilot Programs/Emerging Sports

Organizations interested in obtaining additional prime time ice for new initiatives in the form of a pilot project or to gauge interest in an emerging sport must request supplementary ice prior to program development. The group making the request must provide the Manager, Sport & Community Development with a proposal that includes the required hours of ice; a marketing plan; proposed fees; and a target audience.

Contracts for pilot projects/emerging sports will stipulate that the group may cancel their allocated ice with a minimum two weeks' written notice without penalty.

A program will only be considered a pilot project for the first two years of operation by the same organization.

Reselling Unused Seasonal Contract Ice

The City of Mississauga is the sole permit authority for all ice times. The City must be aware of and able to control the intended use of all ice permitted within its facilities at all times.

If any person, organization, association or minor sports group transfers or sublets/sub-leases, or permits such transfer or sublet/sub-lease, of any ice allocation, in whole or in part, without Recreation Customer Service Centre approval, their facility rental contract shall be terminated without notice and the City shall refund the permit fee on a prorated basis.

Organizations will have the opportunity to resell unused ice through the Recreation Customer Service Centre booking office. The purchaser will pay the higher of the rate applicable to their organization or the rate the ice was originally booked at. The organization reselling the ice will be credited with the rate on their original contract.

The resale or purchase of ice does not impact the calculation of ice allocation for future years.

Cancellation Penalties

All ice contracts are subject to cancellation penalties, in accordance with Corporate Policy and Procedure – Payment and Refund of Facility Rental Fees and reflected on their facility rental contract.

Revision History

Reference	Description
GC-137-96 - 1996 02 28	
October 12, 2011	Housekeeping – Volunteer policy renamed to Community Group Support Program GC-0592-2013 – 2013 10 30
GC-0049-2018 – 2018 03 28	Revised to align with Community Group Support Program
April 18, 2018	Scheduled review. Admin revisions to reflect current practices and terminology.
July 3, 2018	Housekeeping to replace Hershey Sports Zone with Paramount Fine Foods due to rebranding, effective July 01, 2018.
July 16, 2024	Scheduled review. Housekeeping revisions to improve accessibility and to reflect changes to organizational structure. Content revised to improve clarity and readability.